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Applicant: Kuslich

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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 14, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

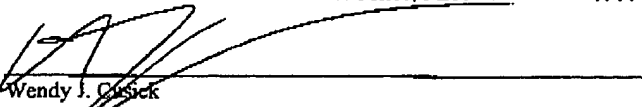


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In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 3110.03US02

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Confirmation No.: 6813

Application No.: 10/702,096

Examiner: Alvin Stewart

Filed: November 5, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3738

For: SEMI-BIOLOGICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, Applicant, through his attorney, elects Group II consisting of claims 1-8 and 16-33. Applicant requests claims 9-15 and 34-52 be withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

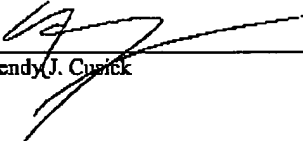
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